

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 828
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A RESOLUTION to honor Bob Parks, recipient of the Middle Tennessee State University Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those estimable persons whose distinguished service is a great source of pride for their family, their alma mater, and their community; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Bob Parks, who on May 2, 1998 will receive the prestigious Middle Tennessee Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement, given annually by the National Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, a 1970 graduate of MTSU, Bob Parks grew up on the MTSU campus when his mother came to work as a dorm mother on the campus after the death of his father; and

WHEREAS, Bob received his degree in business administration and later established Bob Parks Realty, which is now the third-ranked realty company in Middle Tennessee and the largest in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parks has been an active and vital member of various community efforts; he astutely served as the first chair of Rutherford 20/20, a long-range economic development initiative for Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, he has also been actively involved with "Christmas for Children", Kid's Castle and the American Heart Association; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Parks has previously served with acumen and acuity as past President of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, the Rutherford County Board of Realtors, Leadership Rutherford, the Murfreesboro Optimist Club, the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association and the Walking Horse Owners Association; and

WHEREAS, Bob Parks' outstanding community efforts are reflected in the numerous awards he has received, even a brief list of which is inspiring: the Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, the Murfreesboro Jaycees Outstanding Business Man of the Year, the Rutherford County Realtor of the Year, the 1996 Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award and the 1996 Torchbearer Award; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this legislative body to honor those inimitable persons whose good works redound to the benefit of the public good, and whose lives serve as models for others to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Bob Parks upon receiving the Middle Tennessee State University Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.